



# KYRGYZSTAN



## INTRODUCTION

A Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions, most of the territory of the present-day Kyrgyz Republic was formally annexed to the Russian Empire in 1876. The Kyrgyz Republic became a Soviet republic in 1936 and achieved independence in 1991 when the USSR dissolved.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Sadyr JAPAROV

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Ulukbek MARIPOV

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Bishkek

### Legislature

unicameral Supreme Council or Jogorku Kengesh (120 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 199,951 sq km

Land: 191,801 sq km

Water: 8,150 sq km

### Climate

dry continental to polar in high Tien Shan Mountains; subtropical in southwest (Fergana Valley); temperate in northern foothill zone

### Natural Resources

abundant hydropower; gold, rare earth metals; locally exploitable coal, oil, and natural gas; other deposits of nepheline, mercury, bismuth, lead, and zinc

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

landlocked, lower-middle-income Central Asian economy; natural resource rich; growing hydroelectricity and tourism; high remittances; corruption limits investment; COVID-19 and political turmoil hurt GDP, limited public revenues, and increased spending

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$31.02 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$4,700 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - small machinery, textiles, food processing, cement, shoes, lumber, refrigerators, furniture, electric motors, gold, rare earth metals

**Agricultural products** - milk, potatoes, sugar beets, maize, wheat, barley, tomatoes, watermelons, onions, carrots/turnips

**Exports** \$2.742 billion (2019 est.)

gold, precious metals, various beans, refined petroleum, scrap copper (2019)

**partners:** UK 56%, Kazakhstan 13%, Russia 13%, Uzbekistan 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$5.477 billion (2019 est.)

refined petroleum, footwear, clothing, apparel, broadcasting equipment, walnuts (2019)

**partners:** China 53%, Russia 17%, Kazakhstan 7%, Uzbekistan 7%, Turkey 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

6.0 mil. (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.9% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Kyrgyz 73.5%, Uzbek 14.7%, Russian 5.5%, Dungan 1.1%, other 5.2% (includes Uyghur, Tajik, Turk, Kazakh, Tatar, Ukrainian, Korean, German) (2019 est.)

### Language

Kyrgyz (official) 71.4%, Uzbek 14.4%, Russian (official) 9%, other 5.2% (2009 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 90% (majority Sunni), Christian 7% (Russian Orthodox 3%), other 3% (includes Jewish, Buddhist, Baha'i) (2017 est.)

